The Unification of Italy

1831
Mazzini founds Young Italy.

1849
Mazzini helps set up a revolutionary republic in Rome.

1852
Victor Emmanuel names Count Camillo Cavour prime minister.

1855
Sardinia joins Britain and France in Crimean War.

1859
Cavour defeats Austria and annexes Lombardy. Nationalist groups overthrow Austrian-backed rulers in northern Italian states.

1860
Garibaldi and his "Red Shirts" capture Sicily and Naples. He turns over both regions to Victor Emmanuel.

1861
Victor Emmanuel II is crowned king of Italy. Cavour dies.

1866
Venetia is added to Italy.

France is forced to withdraw its troops from Rome. Italy is united.

1830 1840 1850 1860 1870

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